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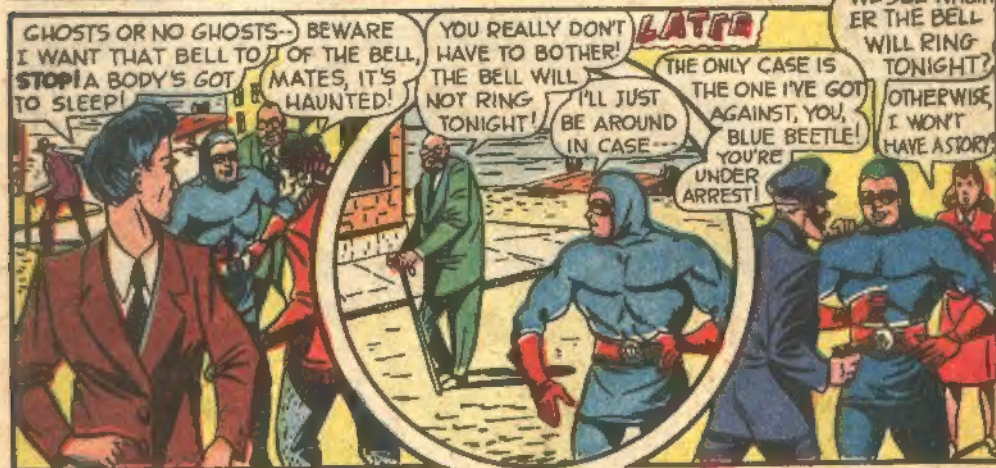
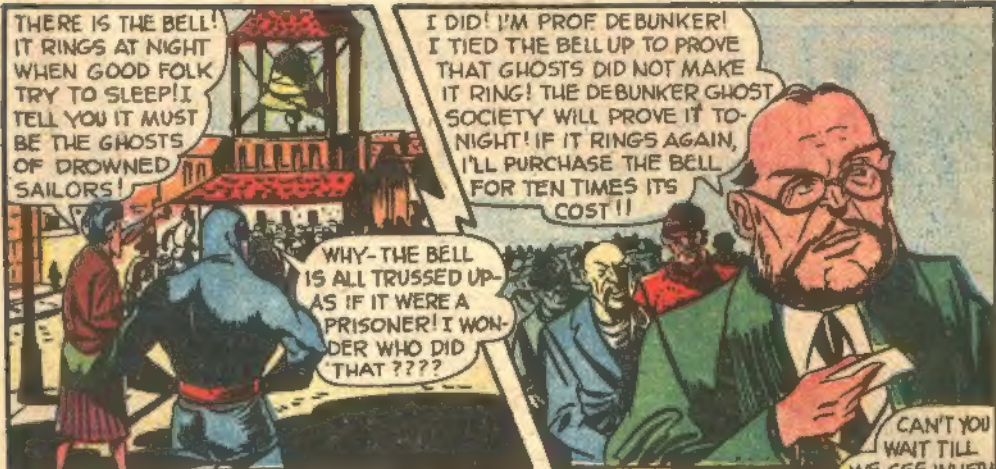
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AND THE "MYSTERY OF THE TOLLING BELL"

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AS NIGHT FALLS THE BELL TOLLS



THE TOWN AWAKES, WONDERING CAN BLUE BEETLE STOP THE GHOSTLY HANDS AT WORK????



THOSE MEN!-TOLLING THE BELL! I'LL DROP THE CALLING CARD OF BLUE BEETLE BEFORE I TAKE THEM WHERE THEY BELONG!!



THEY-THEY PAID NO ATTENTION TO THE SIGN OF BLUE BEETLE! AM-AM I SLIPPING?



MAYBE YOU WON'T TAKE FRIGHT AT BLUE BEETLE'S SIGN-BUT LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN IGNORE HIS SWINGING FISTS! WHA-? I'M PUNCHING RIGHT THROUGH THEM!!!



THEY-THEY'VE DISAPPEARED! AND THE BELL-THE BELL'S STILL TOLLING!!!



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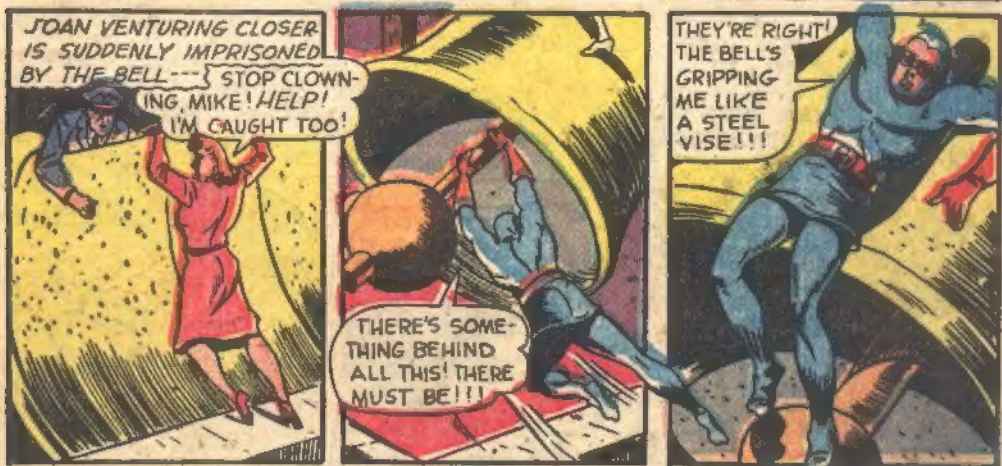
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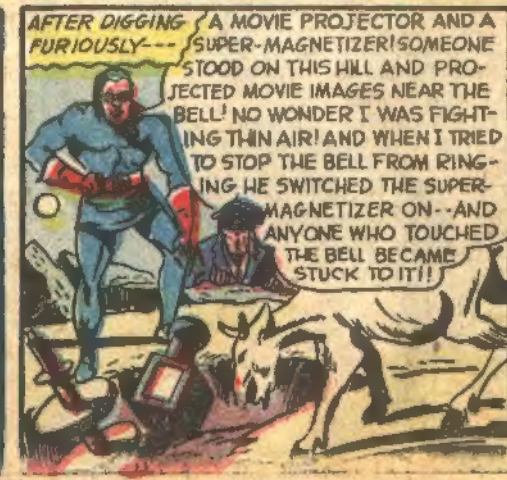
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IN THE LATE NINETIES SAN FRANCISCO'S FAMOUS CHINATOWN SEETHED WITH INTRIGUE.....ONE DAY JIM CASEY, REPORTER, WAS ROAMING THE SECTION IN SEARCH OF A STORY WHEN SUDDENLY.....



IF YOUNG SCRIBE IS UNARMED THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO HIM

I HAVE NO ARMS. OPEN UP



ENTER, MY YOUNG FRIEND....YOU CAN BE OF EXTREME BENEFIT TO ME... AND ALL FOR A CERTAIN FEE, OF COURSE!

SOO FINN! NEW KING OF CHINA TOWN!



NOT YET, MY SON, BUT TO-NIGHT THE STUPID PRESENT RULER WILL BE DEPOSED.. AND I WANT IT KNOWN THAT I WAS HAVING TEA WITH CERTAIN WELL KNOWN REPORTER WHILE HE WASER BEING "INDUCED" TO VACATE!



QUICKLY CASEY HEAVES THE TEAPOT!

I SEE !!



LIFTING A TRAP DOOR JIM DISCOVERS A DARK PASSAGEWAY AND..

WHO ARE YOU?

RELEASE ME!

MAKE FOR THE BRIDGE IF YOU CAN SWIM!

I CAN



SO SHE'S YOUR KID.. CHOO TU.. WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

I AM PRESENT KING OF CHINATOWN. MR. CASEY.. SOO HE PLANNED TO DEPOSE ME.. KIDNAPPED MY CHILD!



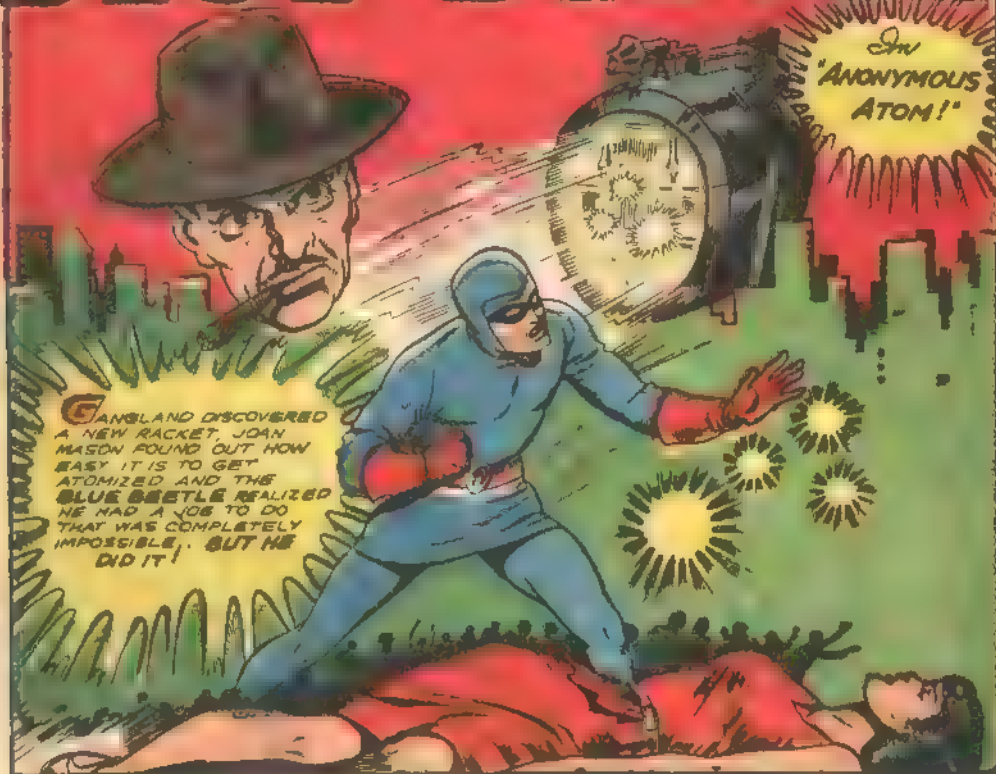
HE THREATENED TO KILL MY DAUGHTER IF I DIDN'T STEP DOWN! ALSO HE WOULD REVIVE OPIUM SMUGGLING AGAIN WHICH I HAVE STAMPED OUT! THERE'S YOUR STORY

I CALLED THE POLICE.. HE'S NABBED BY NOW!



'BLUE BEETLE'

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DAN GARRETT, ROOKIE COP, THOUGHT HE HAD A DATE WITH JOAN MASON... BUT...

SO SHE STOOD YOU UP! HAR-HAR! THE GREAT ROMEO!

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?... JOAN'S JOB KEEPS HER PLENTY BUSY.

DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

RED DONAHUE! THE GANGSTER! AW, SHE WOULDN'T! THERE MUST BE A REASON!

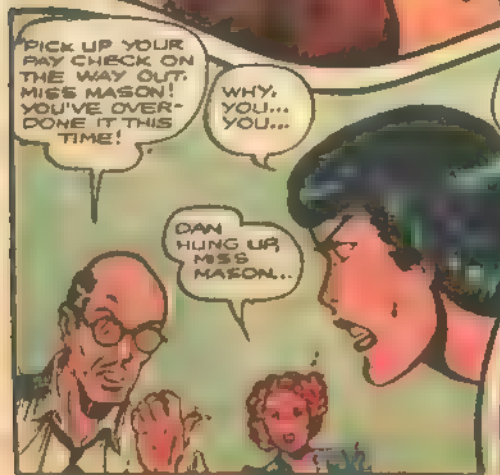
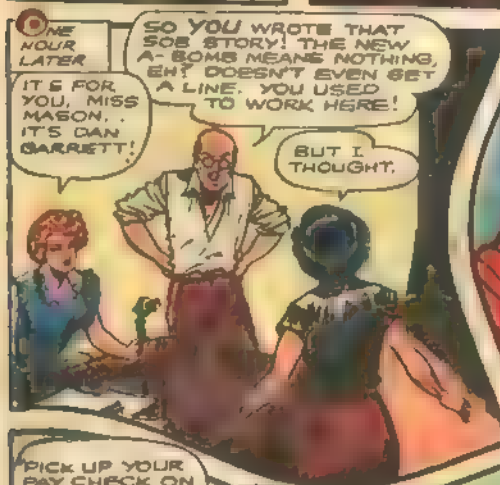
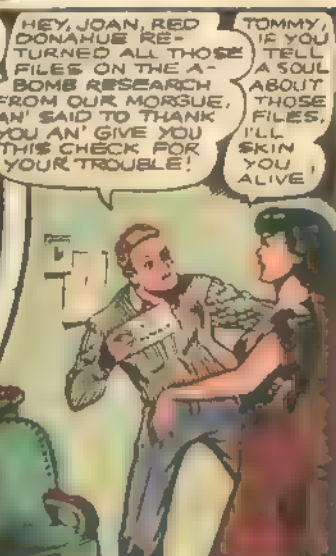
NICE OF YOU TO HAVE DINNER WITH ME, MISS MASON... AND THANKS FOR THAT LITTLE LOAN OF THOSE FILES!

SURE...AND THANKS FOR THE INTERVIEW AND CO-NATION TO THE MILK FUND...BUT, ER...LET'S GO DOWN THIS STREET...



THE NEXT MORNING...

'BLUE BEETLE'



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MEANWHILE, RED GLOATS IN HIS NEW ROLE OF "BENEFACTOR!"

SOME GAL THAT MASON...
PLAYIN' ME
UP LIKE A
SAINT! MILK
FUND... FEEDIN'
BABIES... THAT'S
NICE... VERY
NICE... BUT...

BUT THE LAUNCHING OF THE LATEST A-BOMB
SHARES THE NEWS...

NO QUESTION ABOUT
IT, IF THAT THING
EVER BREAKS
LOOSE, IT'LL
DRY US ALL UP
INTO BEANSTALKS!

YEAH! IF
THEY DON'T
CONTROL IT,
PITY THE
EARTH...
BUT WHAT
CAN WE DO?

NOW
SHOW
FIRE
MILK
LATE
ATO
BO

AT THAT MOMENT, RED IS
HURRYING TO AN UNDER-
GROUND HANGOUT...

HEARD
FROM
RED
LATELY?

THAT MUG
GAVE US
THE BRUSH-
OFF!

WE SHOULD
RUBBED 'IM
OUT...

SOMEBODY MENTION
MY NAME? WOULDN'T
BE FORGETTIN'
YOUR OLD BOSS,
WOULD YOU,
BOYS?

WHAT'S
ON YOUR
MIND,
RED?

WE AIN'T
SO SURE!

WHO'S
'AT
WITH
YA?

LOOK OUT
FOR THE
BOITHDAY
PRESENT
HE'S CARRYIN'
IT MIGHT BE...

RELAX I AIN'T HERE
FOR ROUGH STUFF.
HOW'D YOU LIKE TO
MAKE A MILLION
BERRIES?

A MILLION
SMACKERS!
ON THE
LEVEL!

I ALWAYS PLAYED BIG GAMES,
DIDN'T I? I'M PAYIN' THE PROFESSOR
HERE PLENTY TO WORK WITH US
HE KNOWS HOW TO EXTRACT
THE ENERGY FROM THE A-BOMB
AN' PUT IT TO WORK AGAIN!
WITH IT, I'M GONNA PAY A
VISIT TO THE U.S. TREASURY.
ARE YOU WITH ME?

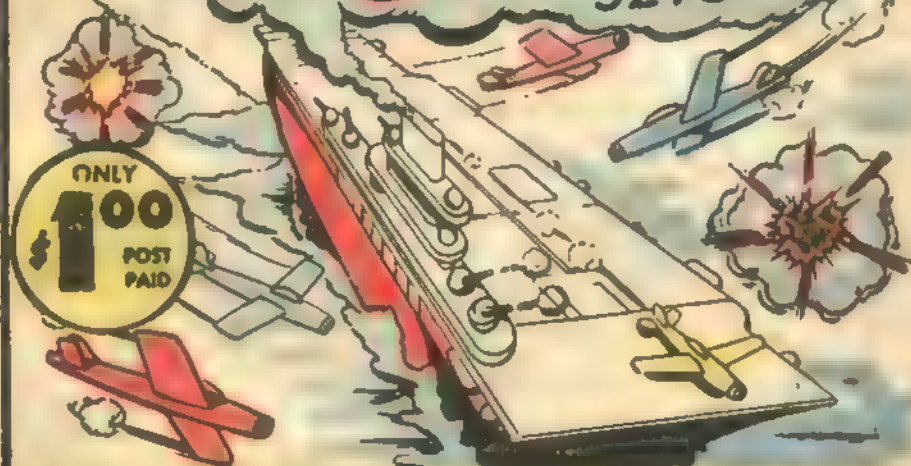
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TALKIN',
RED...

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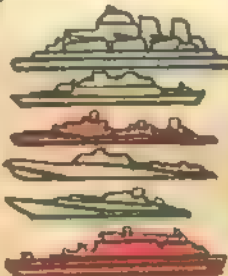


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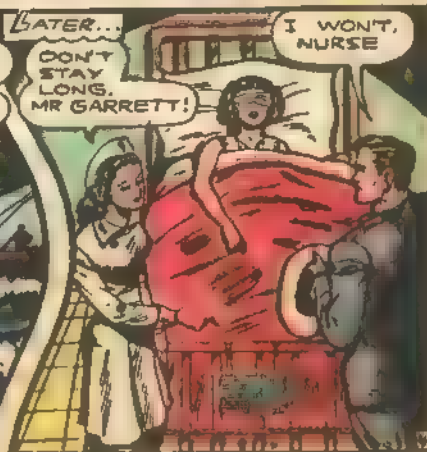
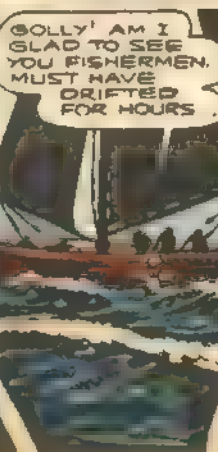
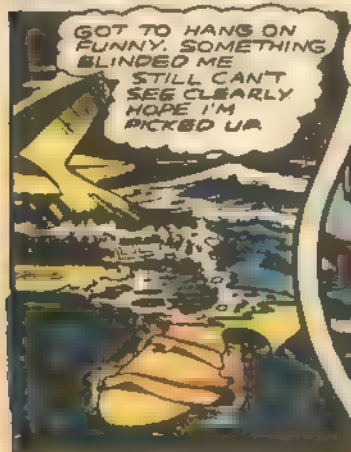
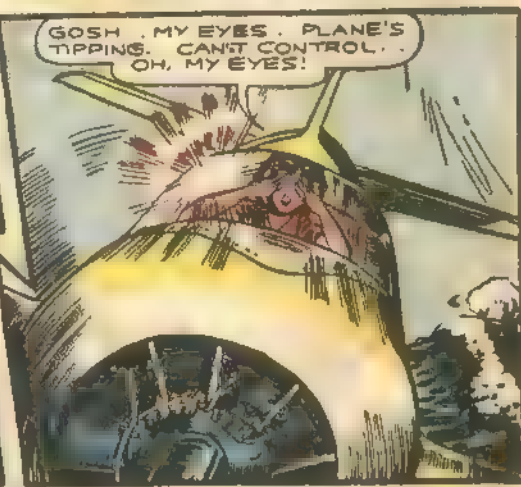
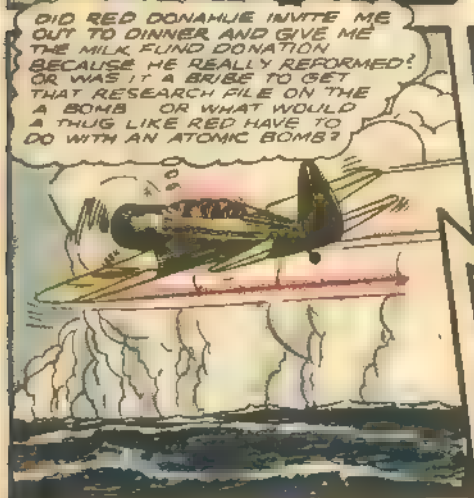
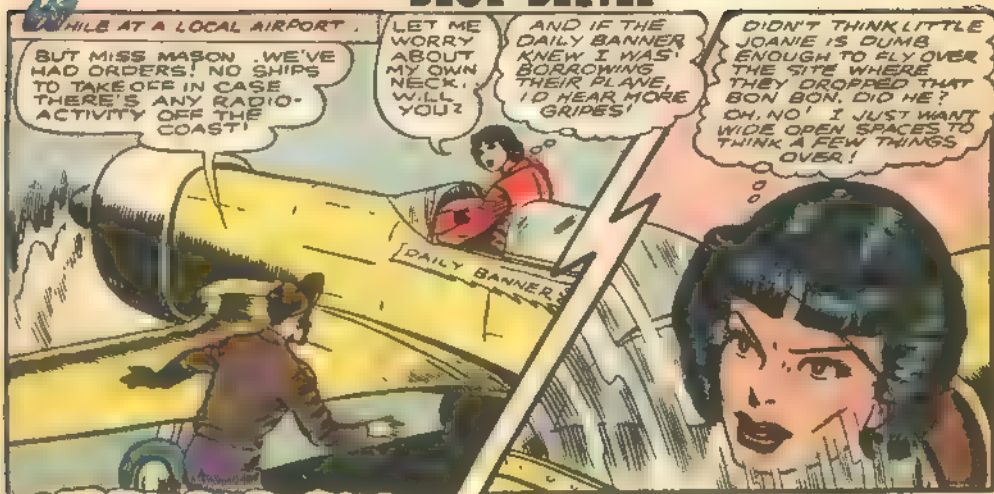
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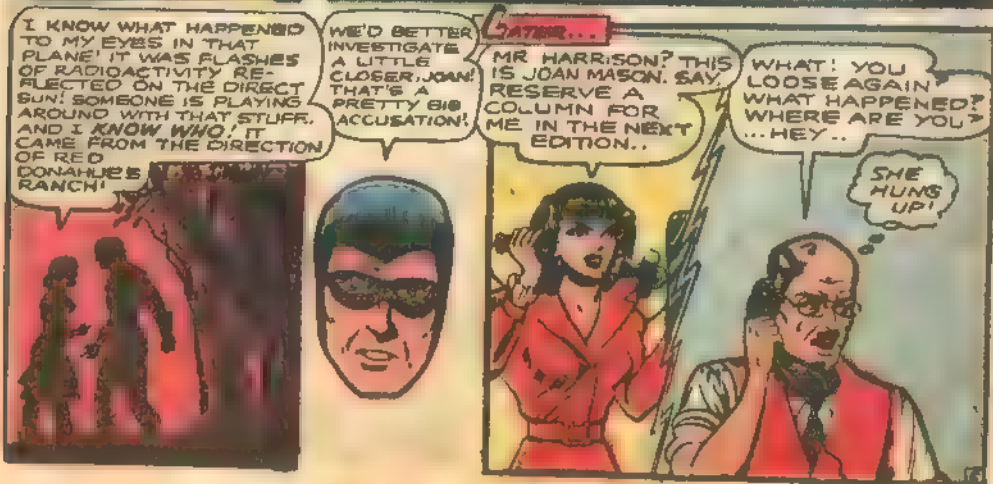
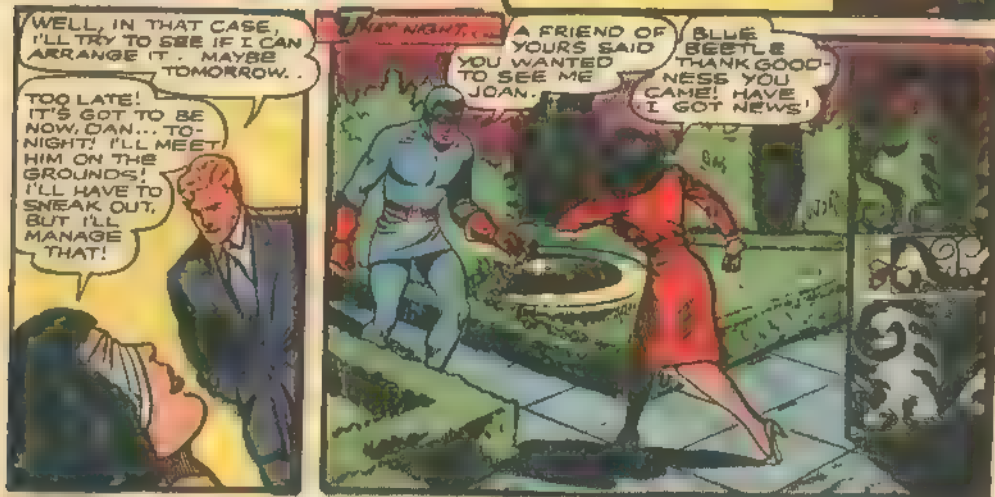
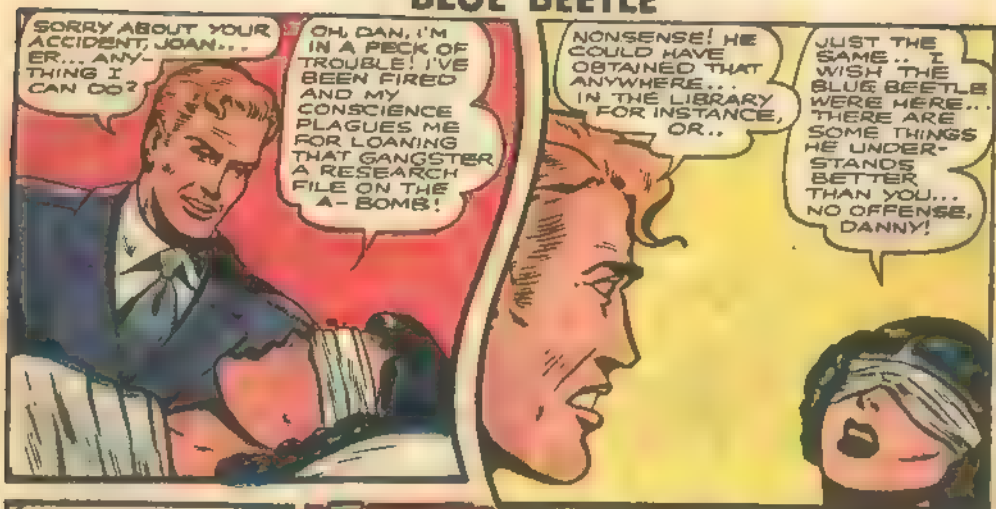
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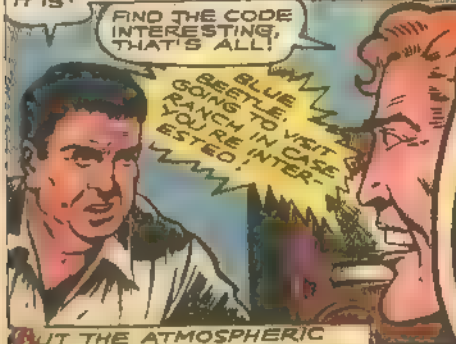
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...AND AT DAN BARRETT'S HOME...

DAN, WHAT'S EATING YOU? STUCK TO THAT RECEIVING SET LIKE GLUE! LISTENING TO BROADCASTS THAT ARE MEANT FOR THE BLUE BEETLE! IT'S EAVESDROPPING, THAT'S WHAT IT IS!

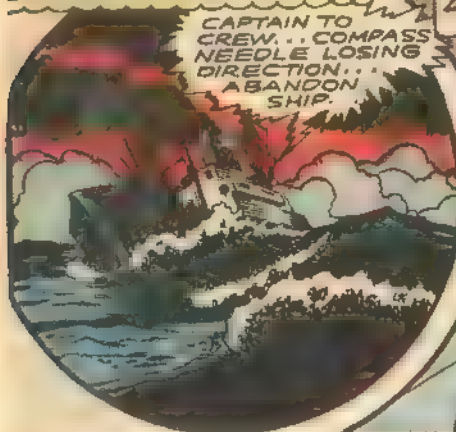
FIND THE CODE INTERESTING. THAT'S ALL!

BLUE BEETLE GOING TO RANCH TO VISIT YOU'RE IN CASE ESTEAD INTER-



BUT THE ATMOSPHERIC DISTURBANCES ARE NOT SO EASILY OVERLOOKED...

CAPTAIN TO CREW... COMPASS NEEDLE LOSING DIRECTION... ABANDON SHIP.



MY WORD! LOOK AT THE CHEMICAL REACTION OF THE SEA!

NEVER MIND THE SEA, CHUM COPS IS OUR BIGGEST WORRY!



AT A NEARBY AIRFIELD...

ALL MEN REFRAIN FROM TOUCHING HEADWIRES... ALL PLANES LAND ON MAIN RUNWAY... RADIO GOING DEAD... WARNING... WARNING...



WHILE ALONG A MAJOR FREIGHT LINE...

CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT... POSITIVELY NOTHING WRONG AND WE SUDDENLY WERE BLOWN UP!

WARNING! ELECTRICAL RAIL-HEAD BEYOND CROSSING!

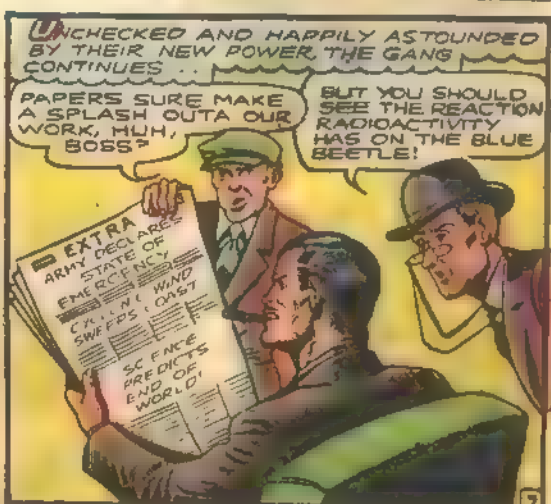
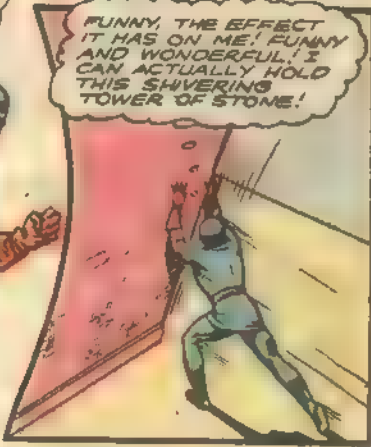
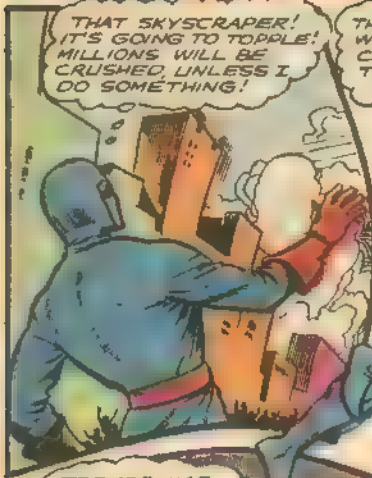
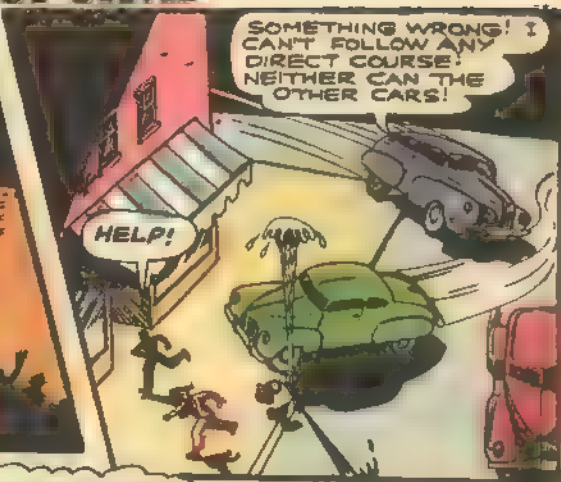


MEANWHILE...

MIKE'S BOREDOM PROVED VERY CONVENIENT FOR THE BLUE BEETLE THIS TIME! AND BEFORE I PICK UP JOAN'S TRAIL, I'VE GOT TO HELP OUT IN THE CITY!

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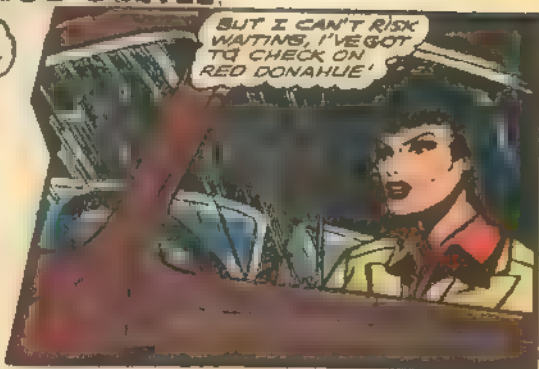


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WELL, I'VE SENT ALL KINDS OF MESSAGES TO THE BLUE BEETLE OVER THIS TWO-WAY RADIO OF MINE, BUT HE HASN'T REPLIED ONCE! WONDER IF HE HEARD ME?



BUT I CAN'T RISK WAITING, I'VE GOT TO CHECK ON RED DONAHUE!



OH-OH CAR DRIVING ME INSTEAD OF ME DRIVING CAR...



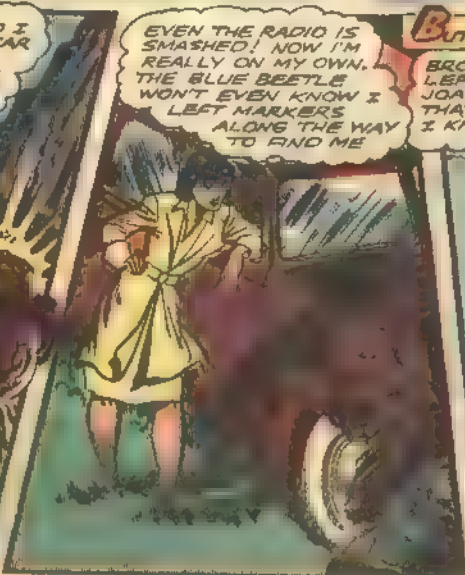
WHEW! JUST PULLED THE EMERGENCY IN TIME...



OH, BROTHER! AND I BORROWED THIS CAR FROM THE DAILY BANNER WHERE I USED TO WORK!



EVEN THE RADIO IS SMASHED! NOW I'M REALLY ON MY OWN. THE BLUE BEETLE WON'T EVEN KNOW I LEFT MARKERS ALONG THE WAY TO FIND ME

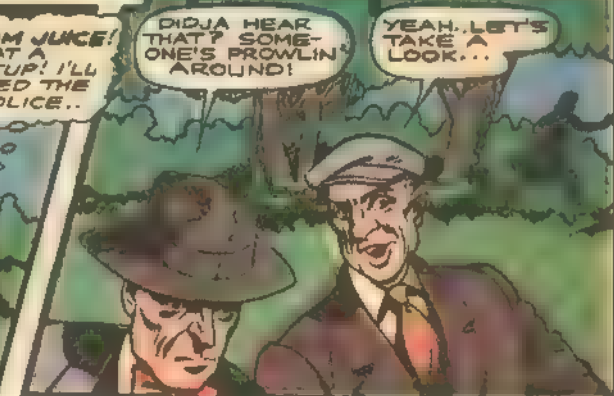
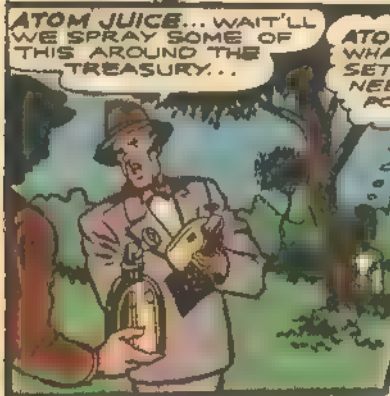


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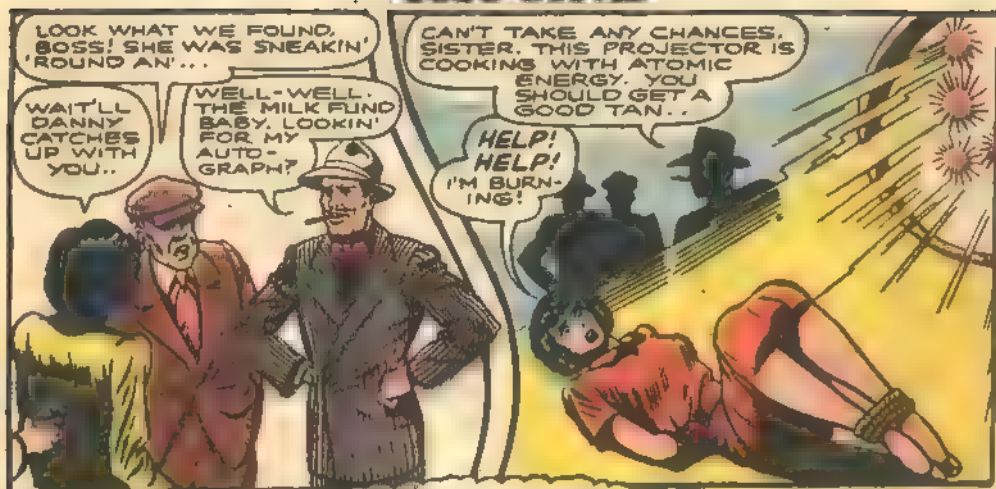
BROKEN TWIGS, TAKE LEFT TURN! ONLY JOAN WOULD LEAVE THAT MARKER, AND I KNOW... I TAUGHT HER!



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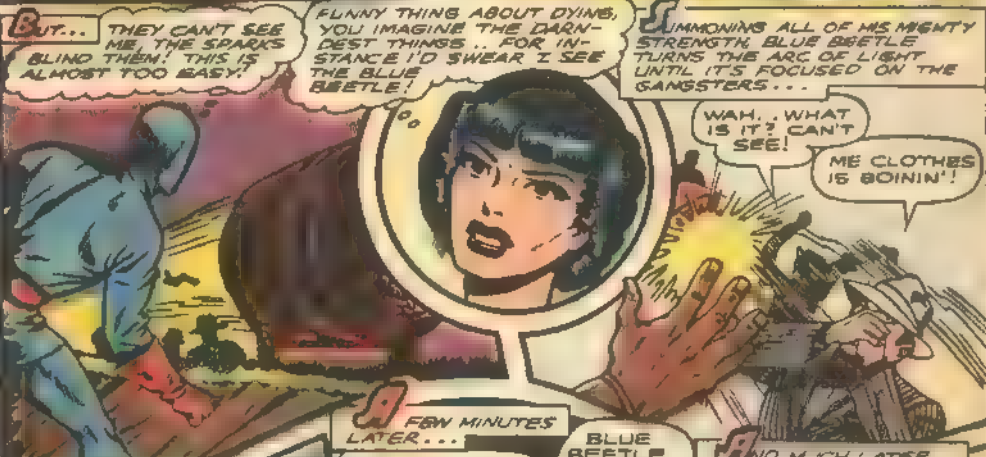
LOOK WHAT WE FOUND, BOSS! SHE WAS SNEAKIN' 'ROUND AN'...

WAIT'LL DANNY CATCHES UP WITH YOU...

WELL-WELL. THE MILK FUND BABY. LOOKIN' FOR MY AUTO-GRAPH?

CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES, SISTER. THIS PROJECTOR IS COOKING WITH ATOMIC ENERGY. YOU SHOULD GET A GOOD TAN...

HELP! HELP! I'M BURNING!



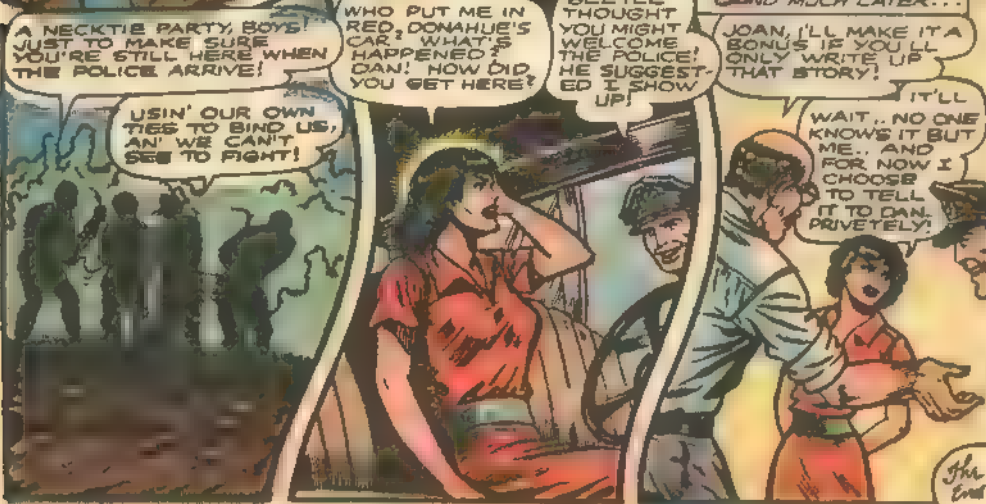
BUT... THEY CAN'T SEE ME, THE SPARKS BLIND THEM! THIS IS ALMOST TOO EASY!

FLUNNY THING ABOUT DYING, YOU IMAGINE THE DARNDEST THINGS... FOR INSTANCE I'D SWEAR I SEE THE BLUE BEETLE!

SUMMONING ALL OF HIS MIGHTY STRENGTH, BLUE BEETLE TURNS THE ARC OF LIGHT UNTIL IT'S FOCUSED ON THE GANGSTERS...

WAH... WHAT IS IT? CAN'T SEE!

ME CLOTHES IS BOININ'!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

WHO PUT ME IN RED, DONAHUE'S CAR? WHAT'S HAPPENED? DAN! HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

BLUE BEETLE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WELCOME THE POLICE! HE SUGGESTED I SHOW UP!

A AND MUCH LATER...

JOAN, I'LL MAKE IT A BONUS IF YOU'LL ONLY WRITE UP THAT STORY!

IT'LL

WAIT... NO ONE KNOWS IT BUT ME... AND FOR NOW I CHOOSE TO TELL IT TO DAN. PRIVATELY!

USIN' OUR OWN TIES TO BIND US, AN' WE CAN'T SEE TO FIGHT!

The End

"FIGHT FOR LIFE"

The City Room was in a sweat. Everyone walked as if on egg shells. The Old Man was having another of his famous brainstorm. No one knew where the axe would fall. I could see him waving his hands in the air, barking at Nella, his excitable secretary who seemed always on the verge of hysteria. She ran out of his office and headed straight for me. I hunched lower in my seat and made with the typewriter.

Nella tapped me on the shoulder. "There's no paper in your typewriter," she said.

"I must've burned it up. I was working on such a hot story," I said brightly.

"Quit stalling," she said. "The Old Man wants you—and you're it!"

The City Room made clucking noises to the cadence of my steps as I walked into the Old Man's office. I felt as if I were doing the last mile.

"C'mere, Mr. Ex-War Correspondent!" The Old Man beckoned.

"Goodby, Boss," I started to retreat. "It's been nice knowing your O.K. on my expense accounts."

"Sit down, Itchy Foot!" he yelled. I stopped. "Aren't you firing me?" I asked. "Because I called you 'Ex-War Correspondent'?" That was just to remind you that you're still a parasite on the payroll drawing a salary for no good reason—yet."

When the Old Man said "yet" I knew more was coming, so I sat down.

"Listen, Dan," he said, sitting on the corner of the desk so he could stab me with his finger for emphasis. "The war is over . . . at least the fighting is over. And people are forgetting. Forgetting about the war. Forgetting why and how it was won. It's our business to remind 'em!"

I started to leave, but he jabbed me, and I stayed put. "What do you want me to do?" I said. "Start another war?"

"You've been all over the world. On all the fronts. With all kinds of outfits. I want you to write a series of stories depicting brave men doing brave deeds."

"They were all brave."

"Some were braver than others."

"Those were the ones who never came back."

The Old Man jabbed me again. "I want the real stuff from you, Dan. Eye-witness stories of the men that won this war. I'll run it under a two column head on the front page. How's that?"

"On one condition."

"Name it."

"What I say goes."

"Agreed." The Old Man turned around. "Nella—take this down! Put in the punctuation later. Okay, Dan, start talking!"

"One of the bravest men I ever saw," I began, "wasn't even a soldier. That is, he didn't have a uniform. His name was Mr. Binkie. He was a citizen of London. He was very sorry about the trouble he was causing, trouble arising from the fact that Mr. Binkie refused to die!"

"I was doing a tour of English hospitals at the time, and I was visiting the London Hospital in Whitechapel. One of the nurses, a sweet kid named Nancy with deep, misty eyes, took me aside as I was about to leave and whispered. 'You're one of those writers, aren't you?'"

"When I said Yes. She continued:

"Then you can't . . . you mustn't . . . go without seeing Mr. Binkie!"

"I followed her up to the top floor. Mr. Binkie was in a front room: alone. The room was neat and clean and white—just like a hospital in peaceful America. But this was London during the Blitz. And the sun streamed in through a big jagged hole in the ceiling a grim reminder of the Luftwaffe's latest visit.

"We can't move him," Nurse Nancy said apologetically, indicating Mr. Binkie.

"I didn't know for sure whether Mr. Binkie was alive until I saw his lips just barely move, and heard a whisper float out, one word . . . one letter at a time it seemed. Then

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he stopped altogether. And I sat there watching him, while the nurse told me his story:

"Mr. Binkie, rejected for Military Service, was just an ordinary little man. In ordinary times, he would have done nothing more exciting than take his family to Seaside—the English Coney Island. But this was war, and Mr. Binkie with his high, white collar and celluloid cuffs contributed his services as a member of a Civilian Demolition Squad.

"One day, he had volunteered to help remove a time bomb which was wedged against the door to an Anderson shelter. The sole occupants of the shelter were a six year old girl and her Scottie pup. Since this particular bomb required at least seven men to remove it carefully enough to prevent a contact explosion, Mr. Binkie and his squad, seven altogether, volunteered.

"Let's not keep the young lady waiting on such a fine day," Mr. Binkie said. The tension was relieved for a moment. The men moved cautiously to remove the bomb's detonator, after they had first dug carefully around the bomb and shifted it gingerly to one side. Mr. Binkie entered the shelter and found the little girl, silent and numb with fear, clutching the little Scottie to her.

"Let's take the little doggie for a walk," smiled Mr. Binkie, steering the little girl outside where she stood in evident relief.

"One of the men in the squad straightened up from the bomb as Binkie came out: 'This is a new one from Jerry. We can't detach the bloomin' fuse!'

"Mr. Binkie patted the little girl on the head and said: 'You must run to your Mama now; all is safe. There she is—behind the ropes, waiting for you.' He watched her until she had run to safety. Then he and the squad maneuvered the time bomb, a green-stained capsule with rusty circular iron bands around the nose, to the top of a bed of sand in the back of a truck. Mr. Binkie wiped the sweat from his forehead and said: 'Let's be sensible about this, m' lads. There isn't enough room in the truck for all of us. And I'm just learning to drive. This is my chance to practice a bit.'

"The men did not look at Mr. Binkie as he stepped into the cab of the truck. But when he was bent over the gear shift, they all tried to sneak into the back, where the dreaded bomb lay on its bed of sand. Most of them made it, before Mr. Binkie started. When he looked back and saw them, one of the men said:

"Just coming along for the ride, Mr. Binkie."

"Mr. Binkie winked back at them, then started the car. The awaiting A.R.P. men hastily flung back the ropes to let them go by. The truck was in the clear and away from the crowd, when one of the men in the back who was minutely examining the bomb said:

"Cor-Blimey! I think it's going to blow, Mr. Binkie."

"Without hesitation, Mr. Binkie turned into a square block which had been flattened by previous raids. He turned the wheel sharply and stepped heavily on the gas pedal. The truck, groaned with suddenly increased power, swerved crazily, leaped over the curb, and careened across the sidewalk into an empty area, just as the bomb exploded with a deafening detonation.

"Everyone was killed instantly in the gigantic white hot flash. . . everyone, except for Mr. Binkie.

"At first he had been laid in the hospital ward on the ground floor, just to the left of the morgue, reserved for dying patients. But Mr. Binkie did not die. He refused to die. There is no other explanation for the spark of life that refused to go out. He was finally removed to the front room on the top floor, where he was the sole occupant.

"Nurse Nancy looked at me. 'You should have been here,' she said, 'when I first came on the case. Dr. Towers was on duty. He forgot to mark the chart after examining Mr. Binkie. So I handed it to him. Dr. Towers' voice was angry as he hopelessly flung down the chart.

"What do you want me to write? That I don't know what's keeping him alive?"

"Nurse Nancy smiled. That's the way it's been since Mr. Binkie came here. The doctors get angry because they can't do anything to help him. And they stay mad because he just hangs on, despite the pain."

"Mr. Binkie's lips were moving again. The nurse and I moved closer to him. I bent over, my ear close to his lips, trying to catch what he was saying. All I heard was a feeble something that sounded as if it were coming from the bottom of the deepest well in the world. Something that sounded like:

"Can't—leave—now. There's—work—to—be—done."

The Old Man poked me again, bringing me back from my London reverie to the present with a start.

"Well," he yelled. "Don't sit there like a mummy! Where's the surprise? Where's the angle?" His expression showed the expectation of further enlightenment.

"There isn't any," I said. "This is a true story."

'BLUE BEETLE'

ROCKET KELLY

"ATOM WORLD
OF SELURA"



FLEEING FROM THE GIANTS
OF SELURA, ROCKET
KELLY, HIS PAL WHACKY,
NURSE SUE ANDREWS AND
SABIO, THE DWARF, ROCKET
INTO HIGH ADVENTURE IN THE
ATOM WORLD OF SELURA!

THE PLANE
CAN'T MAKE IT!
WE'LL PILE UP
ON THOSE
CLIFFS!

THERE'S A
NARROW PATH
THROUGH THOSE
CLIFFS! LET'S
TRY FOR IT!

WHERE DO
YOU FIGURE WE
ARE, SABIO?

'TIS PASSING
STRANGE! NEVER
HAVE I HEARD
SPEAK OF THIS
LAND!



THIS IS THE ATOM-
WORLD OF SELURA!
WE ARE ALL SLAVES
OF DR. MALIK!

I'LL BE A
MONKEY'S UNCLE!
THEY'RE ALL WIRED
FOR SOUND!



BROUGHT BEFORE THE EVIL GENIUS,
DR. MALIK---

YOU MUST KNOW THAT I
AM SUPREME! I DO WHAT I
PLEASE AND IT PLEASES ME
THAT YOU SHALL BE MY
GUESTS!

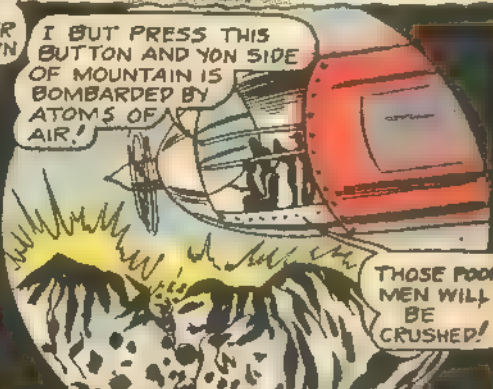
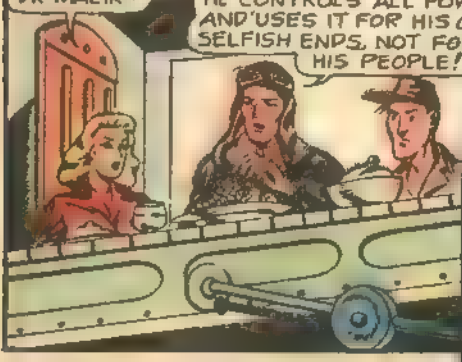


WHY DO THE
SLAVES STAND
FOR THAT EVIL
DR. MALIK?

HE HAS LEARNED HOW TO
SMASH THE ATOM AND HE
CONTROLS IT'S ENERGY!
HE CONTROLS ALL POWER
AND USES IT FOR HIS OWN
SELFISH ENDS, NOT FOR
HIS PEOPLE!

DR. MALIK SHOWS OFF HIS POWER TO
THE EARTH MEN---

I BUT PRESS THIS
BUTTON AND YON SIDE
OF MOUNTAIN IS
BOMBARDED BY
ATOMS OF
AIR!



THOSE POOR
MEN WILL
BE
CRUSHED!

LATER---

AND I NOTICED THAT THE
BOMBARDMENT OF ATOMS
CAME FROM THE DEAD
VOLCANO IN THE
MOUNTAIN RANGE!

IN A
ROOM IN
MALIK'S
PALACE---

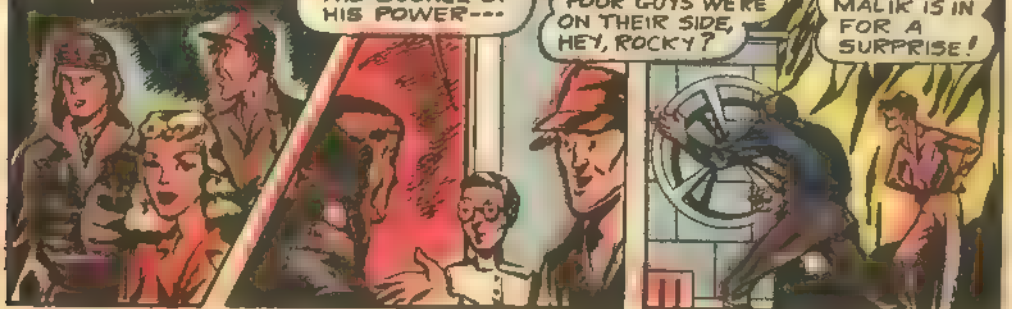
SO THAT'S WHERE
THE ATOM
SMASHER IS
HIDDEN!

THE NATIVES SAY
MALIK DESTROYS
THEM AT WILL WHEN HE
NO LONGER NEEDS THEM!
IF THEY BUT KNEW
THE SOURCE OF
HIS POWER---

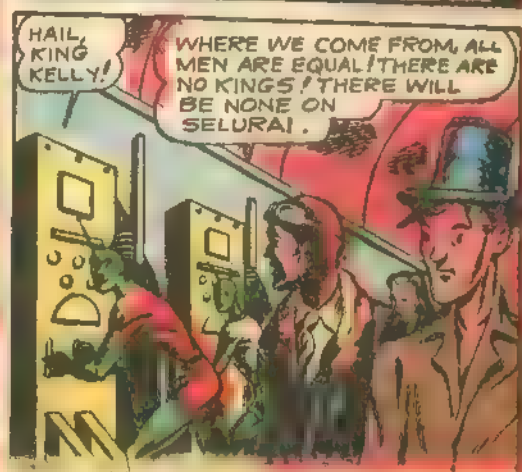
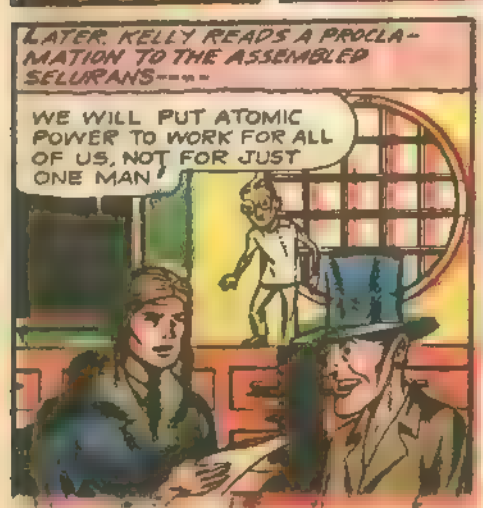
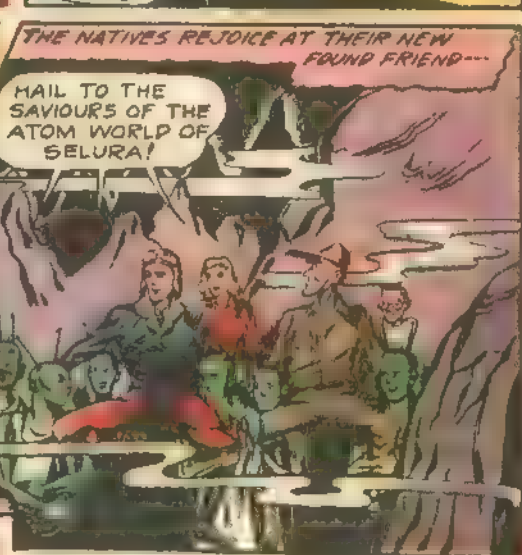
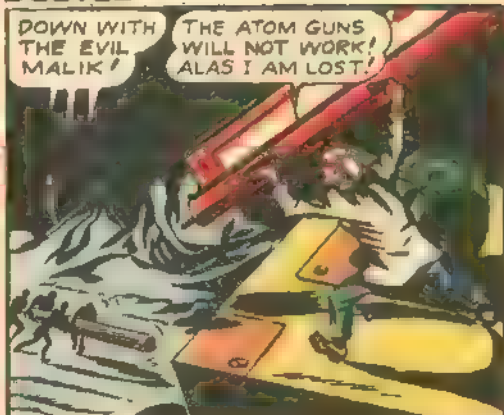
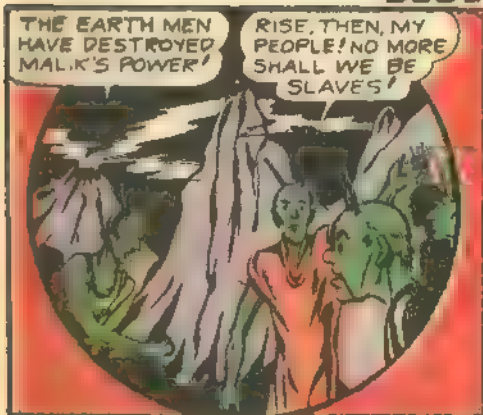
I TURN THE ATOM
DEFLECTOR THIS WAY!
NOW, WHEN HE TURNS ON
THE POWER, THE ATOMS
WILL BE DISSIPATED IN
SPACE!

TELL THE
POOR GUYS WE'RE
ON THEIR SIDE,
HEY, ROCKY?

BAD BOY
MALIK IS IN
FOR A
SURPRISE!



'BLUE BEETLE'



'BLUE BEETLE'

TIME PASSED RAPIDLY --- ROCKET KELLY WAS HAPPY IN HIS WORK, BUT SUE AND WHACKY WERE HOMESICK --- UNTIL ROCKET KELLY CONCEIVED THE IDEA OF CONTACTING EARTH WITH THE TERRIFIC POWER TORN FROM THE ATOMS BY THE MACHINE LOCATED IN THE VOLCANO!

I'LL SHOOT THE LIGHT RAYS IN NARROWER AND NARROWER CIRCLES UNTIL WE HIT A TARGET ON EARTH!

RIGHT!!

I'LL BET IF THEY USE THAT NEW PLASTIC STUFF, RADA--

I GET IT! HERE GOES--B-E-N-D-L-I-G-H-T-R-A-Y-S---

MEANWHILE--ON THE PLANET EARTH--

LOOK! LIGHT FLASHES FROM OUT IN SPACE! WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

IN THE OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN PRESS SERVICE

IT'S THE SCOOP OF THE CENTURY! LIGHT RAYS FROM OUT OF SPACE, FLASHING ON A BUILDING IN ROCKEFELLER PLAZA!

ZOWIE!

SHIRAZ BOTILOS

TICK TICK

WHAT DO YOU KNOW! IT'S A MESSAGE IN ENGLISH FROM ANOTHER PLANET!

IT'S MORSE CODE---W-E--A-R-E---O-N---S-E-L-U-R-A---

THE NEXT DAY---

EXTRA DAILY BUGLE EXTRA
ROCKET KELLY ON SELURA
FORMER AGE

'BLUE BEETLE'

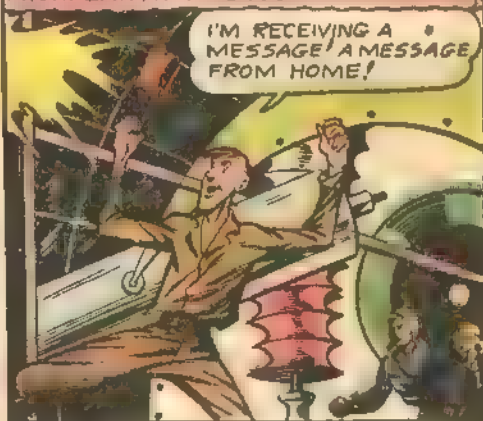
PROMINENT SCIENTISTS MEET TO STUDY THE PHENOMENON---

A BAND OF PLASTIC RAYOLA AROUND THE BUILDING WOULD CATCH THE RAYS, TRANSMIT THEM, AND SEND THEM BACK INTO THE ORIGINAL LIGHT STREAM!



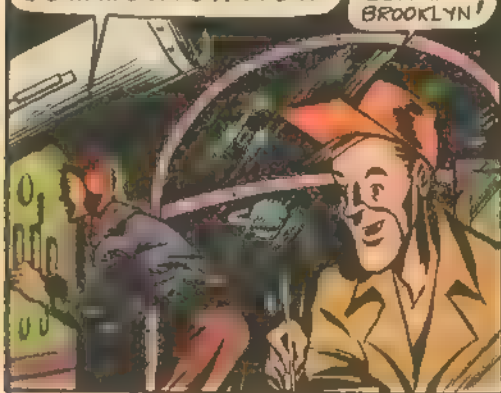
AND WHEN A MESSAGE IS RELAYED FROM EARTH TO SELURA---

I'M RECEIVING A MESSAGE! A MESSAGE FROM HOME!



E-A-R-T-H--C-A-L-L-I-N-G...
W-E--R-E-C-E-I-V-E-D--Y-O-U-R
C-O-M-M-U-N-I-C-A-T-I-O-N...

SAY HELLO TO MY UNCLE BEN IN BROOKLYN!



GET A LOAD OF THIS, SUE! ROCKET KELLY HAS BEEN APPOINTED FIRST AMBASSADOR TO SELURA!



SEVERAL DAYS LATER---

THE MESSAGE FROM EARTH READS--"HOW CAN A GROUP OF SCIENTISTS REACH SELURA?" DO YOU THINK THEY CAN MAKE IT?

WHY NOT? WE MADE IT!



AND AT A MEETING OF A PROMINENT SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY IN NEW YORK---

ROCKET KELLY INFORMS US THAT WHEN SELURA APPROACHES EARTH AT ITS CLOSEST, A TWISTER OF AIR CURRENT FORMS---



SELURA MAKES PREPARATIONS TO AID THE SCIENTISTS.

WE MUST DEVELOP THIS ATOMIC MAGNET SO IT CAN DRAW A ROCKET SHIP TO SELURA!



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WHEN AN OCEAN LINER REPORTED THE SELURA TWISTER---

THAT IS THE TWISTER THE 'ROCKET SHIP 'NEW YORKER' HAS BEEN EXPECTING! WIRELESS AT ONCE!

AYE, AYE, SIR!

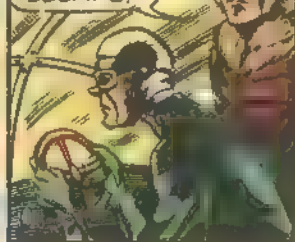


THERE SHE GOES! THIS FLIGHT WILL MAKE HISTORY!



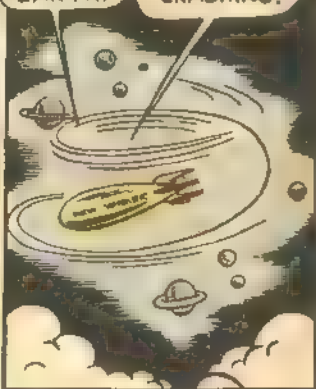
INSIDE THE 'NEW YORKER'--

WE'RE RUNNING WILD-- THERE'S NOT ENOUGH POWER TO BREAK THE HOLD OF EARTH'S GRAVITY! WE MUST DO SEVEN MILES A SECOND TO ESCAPE!



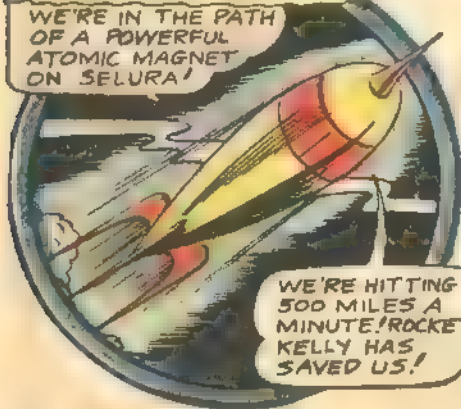
WE'RE SLIPPING BACK TO EARTH!

NOTHING CAN SAVE US FROM CRASHING!



BUT SUDDENLY THE SHIP STRAIGHTENS UP---

WE'RE IN THE PATH OF A POWERFUL ATOMIC MAGNET ON SELURA!



WE'RE HITTING 500 MILES A MINUTE! ROCKET KELLY HAS SAVED US!

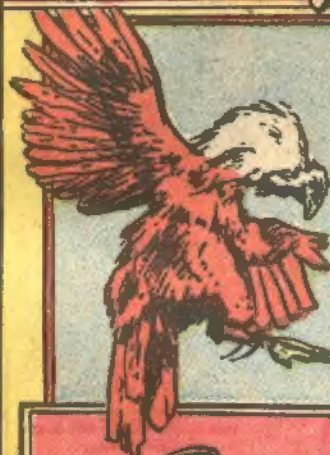
AND WHEN THE ROCKET SHIP 'NEW YORKER' HAS LANDED ON SELURA---



WELCOME, STRANGERS! WELCOME TO THE ATOM WORLD OF SELURA!

WHAT NEW ADVENTURES WILL BEFALL ROCKET KELLY AND HIS COMPANIONS, AS WELL AS THE AMERICAN SCIENTISTS ON SELURA, NOW THAT COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH EARTH?

Imagine THAT!



THE WEDDING RING IS WORN ON THE FOURTH FINGER OF THE LEFT HAND BECAUSE IT WAS ANCIENTLY BELIEVED THAT A SMALL ARTERY RAN FROM THIS FINGER TO THE HEART!

COCK-FIGHTING ORIGINATED WITH THE ATHENIANS. AN INSTITUTION PARTLY RELIGIOUS AND PARTLY POLITICAL, IT WAS CONTINUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE SEEDS OF VALOR IN THE MINDS OF ATHENIAN YOUTH, BUT AFTERWARDS BECAME PERVERTED TO A COMMON PASTIME AND AMUSEMENT!



THE KING OF SAXONY'S BIRD OF PARADISE IS ADORNED WITH TWO STREAMERS FROM ITS HEAD EACH BEARING 37 QUADRANGULAR HORN PLATES! THIS PHENOMENON IS UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE IN NATURE!



THE DIAMOND—HARDEST PIECE OF MATTER IN EARTH, IS 80 TIMES TOUGHER THAN ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE!

LARGE STOCKS OF POTATOES WERE BURNED EACH SPRING BY EIGHTEENTH CENTURY NEW ENGLANDERS! THEY WERE THOUGHT HARMFUL AND IT WAS BELIEVED THAT IF THE CATTLE ATE THEM THEY WOULD BE POISONED!



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National Radio Institute
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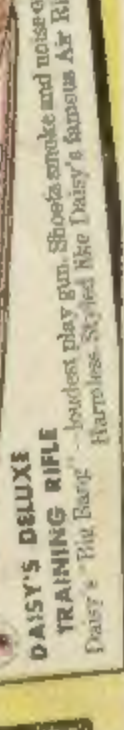
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